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Answered
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2057 Marlboro Ave. No 9
Montreal, Que., Can.
Sept. 30, 1962.

Dear Mr. Meredith,

I have never before written
to anyone I haven't met but
perhaps I could help your
courage a little bit.

The world (and me) has been
hearing about the rotten time
you've been having.

I am not chained myself but
I work in a hospital where
about a third of the staff (and
some of my good friends) are.

Please remember that there are
tens of thousands of people
who see a person's personality
rather than their colour. I am
so very deeply ashamed of
those white people who believe
in segregation - especially those

hypocrites who try to drag religion into it. I wish I could deny its existence. Please try not to think of all of us as savages. Look at our personality first!

You must be very strong and brave. Up here we haven't heard too much about your character but your courage is evident. (Don't give in an inch. As if you didn't know!) Integration is on its way and the percentage of people against you is small compared to the people who are on your side and wish you all the best.

Sincerely,
 Mrs. Kaye Brodie.